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NEAR BY REGATTA SCHEDULE

April 23-24 Annapolis Spring Star, AN, Severn SA
May 7-8 Miles River Springs, MES, MRYC
May 14-15 Indian Harbor Y.C. Regatta, CLIS
May 21-22 Lippincott Memorial, AN, Annapolis YC
May 28-29 Sunapee Ice Breaker, SUN
June 4-5 JFK Regatta - CANCELLED
June 18-19 Arms-White, Mid, Milford YC

UPCOMING REGATTA DETAILS

INDIAN HARBOR Y.C. REGATTA

May 14-15, 2005

Fotis Boliakis has been working with the Flag Officers of Indian Harbor Yacht Club to include Stars in their Spring Regatta May 14-15. PHRF and J-105s will also be on the race course, competing for The Greenwich Cup. There will be two races each day, racing on the Sound south of Greenwich. The entry fee of \$70 covers beer and entertainment Saturday and Sunday nights at Indian Harbor and prizes awarded after the races on Sunday. A special dinner for the Star Class (jacket and tie) will be held Saturday night for an additional charge of \$50 per person (four course served dinner with wine)

First Warning at 10:55 both days. Boats will be hauled out at night; there are two lifts with parking on site.

Fotis has arranged for a crash boat to be available on Friday if boats come out to tune.

Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race are available at www.indianharboryc.com/2005greenwichcup.htm. The same site has good links to local weather and tide information.

The entry form and entry fee must be received by Indian Harbor YC by Monday May 9 or an additional \$25 will be added to the entry fee. No entries will be accepted after Wednesday May 11. Mail entries to: Indian Harbor Yacht Club, 710 Steamboat Road, Greenwich CT 06830. Fax entries with credit card are acceptable. Fax # 203-869-0135.

Directions: Exit 3 off I-95, turn toward the Sound on Arch Street, then right onto Steamboat Road. The Yacht Club is at the end of Steamboat Road on the right side, the last driveway.

For more information contact: Fotis Boliakis fboliakis@aegeangroup.us. This is going to be a fun regatta especially if you haven't had your boat in the water yet this spring.

JFK REGATTA

Cancelled

The Boston Harbor Fleet has decided not to participate in this multi-class regatta this year. This is a bit of irony, given that JFK is more likely to have sailed a Star than any kind of boat participating now in the regatta that bears his name. For more details, see the following story on page 4, by David Bolles and Guy Gurney.

ANNAPOLIS SPRING STAR

April 23-24, 2005

Second District Secretary Barbara Vosbury and Annapolis Fleet Captain Elliot Oldak have extended invitations to First District sailors to compete in the Spring Star Regatta hosted by the Severn Sailing Association and sailed on the Chesapeake Bay outside the Severn River.

Entries will be accepted through 0930 Saturday morning April 23. The first warning will be at 1100. Five races are scheduled of which three will constitute a series. Skipper and crew prizes will be awarded as well as a Masters skipper and crew and Novice trophy.

The Entry fee of \$35 includes hauling and parking and a party Saturday night at Bert Collins' house. Elliot expects at least 10 boats sailing; up to 20 if the weather is warm. There were already six boats out for the SSA Tune Up on April 9th. (Skip Dieball and Bert Collins opened the season with three firsts and three seconds respectively.)

The Severn Sailing Association website has links to local weather and current information. www.severnsailing.org/

The Notice of Race for this and for the Miles River Springs can be found on the Second District website: <http://starc.triangleresearch.net/d2/>

The MRYC Annual Spring Series for STARS For the Dr. David Oursler Memorial Trophy

May 7-8, 2005

by Karen Wiley Alt

The Miles River Spring Series is in fact a named regatta with a lovely perpetual trophy named for a local doctor, Dr. David Oursler, who was not a Star Sailor, but admired the large fleet of Stars at Miles River Yacht Club. When he died, the group of friends he dined with at Miles River Yacht Club found a trophy and donated it in his name.

Miles River Yacht Club is situated outside the town of St. Michaels, Maryland. Families that accompany racers will have plenty to entertain them during the day. St. Michaels is a short car ride or a long walk from MRYC. We are fortunate at MRYC to have a river and a bay to sail in. This pretty much insures that lack of air will not prevent racing. This time of year we have gotten very heavy winds and dynamite sailing. MRYC is a big facility. We have a pool house with showers for after the races and a most accommodating YC staff. MRYC is only three turns off of Route 50 which is a very major route. It is easy to find.

I suggest you contact Bob Flower who is a Fleet member. He helps visitors with local housing. There are also several Bed and Breakfasts and hotels very close by. We have had fifteen boats for this regatta. Our local fleet is around twenty, so with any visitors...

We will have Wednesday Night Sailing (1st of the season) the Wednesday preceding the regatta. There will undoubtedly be someone who is willing to brush with you guys for practice.

Hope to have you visit.

From Bob Flower: We also may have some private homes that could accommodate some sailors. If you would like me to check on this let me know how many people and for how many nights. Hope District One sailors can join us.

Bob Flower 410-476-3515

For more information: <http://www.milesriveryc.org/>

ARMS-WHITE REGATTA

Arms Trophy To Winning Skipper
White Trophy To Winning Crew
June 18 – 19, 2005

The Arms-White series is named after two sailors from the C.L.I.S. fleet, John Taylor Arms and Elwood S. White. In 1937 John Arms donated the Arms Trophy and in 1942 the family of Elwood White donated the White Trophy for the winning crew of the Arms series. The series, originally called the Noroton Race Week, was sailed out of the C.L.I.S. until 1969, and then was relocated to Mid-Conn in 1970.

The Arms-White Regatta has enjoyed a good turnout over the years and recently has been running between 20 to 35 boats. Always a nice feature is the Saturday evening dinner at Milford Yacht Club.

This year the Mid-Conn fleet will be trying a four race / one throw-out format (if all four races are completed).

The warning signal for the first race is at 11 AM on Saturday, June 18.

For more information on how to get to the club, housing, or the event itself see the Mid-Connecticut Star Fleet's web site at <http://www.mycstar.org/>, or contact:

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David Bolles: 203 882 9428 / d.bolles@worldnet.att.net

FRANK ZAGARINO MEMORIAL FUND

Long time Star sailor and Coral Reef Yacht Club member Frank Zagarino passed away March 5, 2005. In the last years of his life he and his wife Louan sponsored an underprivileged child in the Coral Reef Yacht Club junior sailing program. In Frank's memory Louan has set up a memorial fund to continue this tradition into the future. If you would like to contribute to the tax deductible fund, please send your contributions to:

Frank Zagarino Memorial Fund
6991 SW 92 Street
Miami, FL 33156

MEMBERS OF CLIS ATTEND A RULES SEMINAR

Members of the CLIS fleet joined 175 other Cedar Point Yacht Club sailors attending a Rules Seminar brought to CPYC by Club Governor Nelson Stephenson. Butch Ulmer of UK Sailmakers led the seminar on Saturday April 2nd. Butch used computer animation to illustrate changes in the Racing Rules of Sailing now in effect for 2005-2008. The animated "quizzes" are available to anyone who wishes to test their understanding of the rules, online at <http://www.uksailmakers.com/>.

Roger Sharp was awarded a pair of Topsiders for correctly answering every question posed to him, proving his reputation as a useful person to have in the boat on a crowded starting line.



..shot with an artist's eye...

Photographs by Jan Walker

Photos of the 2005 World's, 2005 MORC, and other Star events available on:

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Veteran Star Sailors – Please read! Logs, pictures, documents and even testimonials are wanted for a book on how the class spread across the Atlantic and took hold in Europe during the late 1920's and early 1930's. The book will be published by Hamburg Fleet, which was chartered in 1931 (the fourth one in Europe after Solent 1927, Paris 1928 and Marseille 1930), on occasion of their upcoming 75th Anniversary in 2006. Even the smallest hint is welcome from anybody, anywhere! Please contact:

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FURTHER THOUGHTS ON BOAT RENOVATION

by Bill Buchan

In response to the interest generated by my article a couple of months ago dealing with the renovation of #7260, I felt that a "follow up" might be of interest in case there are others out there that might be interested in doing the same thing, which incidentally has given me a great deal of personal satisfaction.

To recap the earlier article: Early in 2004 I went through a refurbishing of the last boat that I built, #7260. Admittedly, it isn't all that old but boats do get tired with age and need a certain amount of refurbishing after years of use. "Old Faithful" was purchased from its Canadian owner for less than \$5000 US.

I stripped the boat down completely and repainted the boat inside and out. While in the process of rebuilding the boat I thought that maybe I could get better performance with a new keel, so I flew in a new keel from Folli.

The following are some thoughts and suggestions that have occurred to me to help those that might wish to do the same:

1. I would only consider a glass boat if the person as any intention of racing and winning in a competitive fleet as, for some reason, they are just plain faster. If your primary goal is to have a fulfilling project to bring back something of beauty to its original or better than original condition, then by all means go for it, even though it might be a "woodie".

2. In going with the glass boat it is absolutely necessary that the bond between the skin and the core is sound and that the hull hasn't picked up any weight. As well, there shouldn't be any cracking except perhaps at the deck edge where a reinforcement and repair is relatively easy.

3. Boats built prior to 1980 most likely will not have a keel that is competitive, especially off the wind. I have found other builders to be willing to sell me their keels, the problem being the shipping. I would suggest airfreight. Removing a keel and installing the new one is no picnic but it isn't as difficult as it might seem. If you are not up to the task, your local boat builder should be able to give you an estimate of the cost. The weight of the keel will, of course, need to be certified and the various keel measurements checked by a Class measurer.

4. As for the hull shape, it appears to me that not much has changed in the last 30 years or so. If what I hear is correct, the current Lillia, for instance, which is certainly competitive, is basically the same shape as what they were building in the early 1970's. This would lead me to believe that the Gerards, Lippincotts and Duplins, as well as the boats that I built would be fine with regard to their design. Once again, the hull must be in good shape as nothing would be more discouraging than repairing a hull that has delamination or water in the core. Even though I built many successful boats that utilized balsa in some areas of the hull, I would avoid those boats unless they are surveyed extra carefully. Again, weight gain would be a tip off that there is a problem.

5. Boats of the vintage that we would be dealing with, even though they might be glass, will most certainly need to be faired and painted. It is important that enough of the original finish is sanded off so that a minimum of weight is added.

In summary, I would say that for a relatively modest sum of money and a lot of hard work, it is possible for someone to have a boat capable of competing against anyone, anywhere. The candidates are out there. With a little research you might very well find something really special.

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7737 Mader, 1994. A great boat. Work commitments for the next two years have me traveling abroad too much to sail regularly. Contact Info: Elisabeth Newell / E.R. Newell Architects, pc / 828 12th Street / Santa Monica, CA 90403 / Tel: 310 899 0191 / Fax: 310 899 0181 / Cell: 310 486 2144 / e-mail: ernewell@earthlink.net (8-04)

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THE KENNEDY BROTHERS AND THE STARS

by David Bolles and Guy Gurney

It is well known that two of the Kennedy brothers, Joseph P. and John F. Kennedy, owned and sailed Stars during the 1930's. What is less well known is that Robert Kennedy also owned a Star in the 1950's.

As reported in *Starlights*, April 1997, Star # 721, *Flash II*, was owned by Joseph P. and John F. Kennedy from 1934 through 1941. It was built by its original owner, H.B. Atkin of Manhasset Bay Y.C. in 1930 and bought by the Kennedy brothers in 1934. A review of the Star Class Logs reveals that prior to buying *Flash II*, the Kennedy brothers owned Star # 902, *Flash*, built for them in 1932 by Parkman Yachts of Brooklyn, NY. This boat was listed as having been sold to a different owner in the 1936 Log.

The Kennedy brothers belonged to the now inactive Nantucket Sound Fleet and did most of their racing there. Since the race results for this fleet only give last names it is not known who skippered the boats in any of the series listed for the fleet. The brothers also participated in the Atlantic Coast Championship (at the time a combined 1st and 2nd District event) for the years 1934 – 1936, with Joseph being listed as the skipper in 1934 and 1935, and John being listed as the skipper in 1936. John won the last race of the 1936 series. On display at the [JFK Library](#) is the Nantucket Sound Star Class Championship Cup which John won in 1936.

Robert Kennedy is first listed as the owner of Star # 1931, *King's Ransom*, in the 1953 Log. He was a member of the Moriches Bay Fleet, also known as the Bellport Bay Fleet. From 1953 through 1956 Robert participated in the various series held on the Great South Bay / Moriches Bay region. However, on one occasion, it appears that John F. Kennedy skippered the boat, because in a scrapbook of Isabel Gordon, Dick Gordon's widow, there is a pair of clippings about the Bay Shore Open series which took place on August 28-29, 1953.¹ In one of the clippings the skipper of *King's Ransom* is given as being Jack Kennedy.

Robert's Star # 1931 is listed in the 1958 Log as having been converted to a cruising boat in 1957. The fate of Joseph and John's first Star #902, *Flash*, is presently unknown. Recent reports suggest that *Flash II* is currently in the custody of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency. (See <http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/pubs/states/newsrel/boston101304.html>)

¹ The studious reader who is up on his calendar may well wonder at these dates, which fall on Friday and Saturday. However, in an article written by Stan Ogilvy in *Starlights*, May 1970, also included in Isabel's scrapbook, the answer seems to lie in the fact that big events in those days began on Friday and were scheduled to conclude on Saturday. Sunday was left open in case the races did not come off as scheduled. Stan was not in favor of this practice because it often left the competitors with nothing to do on Sunday other than to pack up to go home and mow the lawn. Stan suggested that to "circumvent this horrible catastrophe" races be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, with the make-up day push off to Monday, when people could call in sick if need be.

John and Joe Kennedy in *Flash II*

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If you have anything which you think should be in the Star Class Archives at Mystic Seaport Museum please contact either the editor (d.bolles@worldnet.att.net) (203 882 9428) or Jonathan Shay (jonathan@mysticseaport.org). Anything from a single photograph to a collection of correspondence, program notes, or anything else related to the Star Class and its activities would be most welcomed

Star Class videos available: the following videos are available through the Central Office: "Star Class Tuning Guide", Class promotional video "Fine Tuned for Excellence", 1999 World's: "The World of the Stars", 1987 World's: "Sail against the Best." Also available from the Central Office are Stan Ogilvy's book "A History of the Star Class" and a biography about Durward Knowles, "Driven by the Stars". For further information on these items of Star Class merchandise plus an order form please contact Diane Dorr at the Central Office:

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2005 REGATTA SCHEDULE

2005 1st District Schedule

May 14-15 Indian Harbor Y.C. Regatta, CLIS
 June 18-19 Arms-White, Mid, Milford YC
 July 8-10 1st District Championship, Mid, Milford YC
 July 30 Skipper's Choice Regatta, BH, Cottage Park YC
 July 30-31 Marblehead NOOD, BH
 Aug. 6-7 Make A Wish (Secretary's Cup), BH
 Aug 13-14 Ned Hay, CA
 Aug. 20-21 New England Masters, CLIS, Cedar Point YC
 Sept. 10-11 Bedford Pitcher, CLIS (Tri-District Qualifier)
 Sept. 17-18 Nutmeg Regatta, Mid, Milford YC
 Oct. 8-9 Larchmont Columbus Day Regatta

2005 2nd District Schedule

Apr 23-24 Annapolis Spring Star, AN, Severn Sail. Asso.
 May 7-8 MRYC Spring Regatta, MES, Miles River YC
 May 21-22 Lippincott Memorial, AN, Annapolis YC
 June 9-10 71st J. Rulon Miller Series, CB, Gibson Island
 July 23-24 2nd District Blue Star . Tred Avon YC
 Aug 6-7 2nd District Green Star, MES, Miles River YC
 Aug 13-14 79th Lipton Cup, Tred Avon YC
 Sep 10-11 SSA Fall Regatta , AN, Severn Sailing Assoc.
 Sep 24-25 54th Fall Wind Up, Tred Avon YC
 Oct 1-2 Shuster Regatta (Tri-District Qualifier) , MES
 Oct 29-30 Etchells/Star Fall Regatta, AN, Annapolis YC

2005 12th District Schedule

May 28-29 Sunapee Ice Breaker, SUN, Lake Sunapee, NH
 June 24-26 12th District Blue Star, Flotte du Québec, location to be announced
 July 16-17 New York State Championship, SL, Seneca Lake
 Aug 6-7 Sunapee Open (Tri-District Qualifier), SUN
 Sep 10-11 Lake George Open, LG, Northern Lake George
 Sep 17-18 FLASIR, location to be announced
 Sep 24-25 Chili Regatta, SL, Seneca Lake, New York

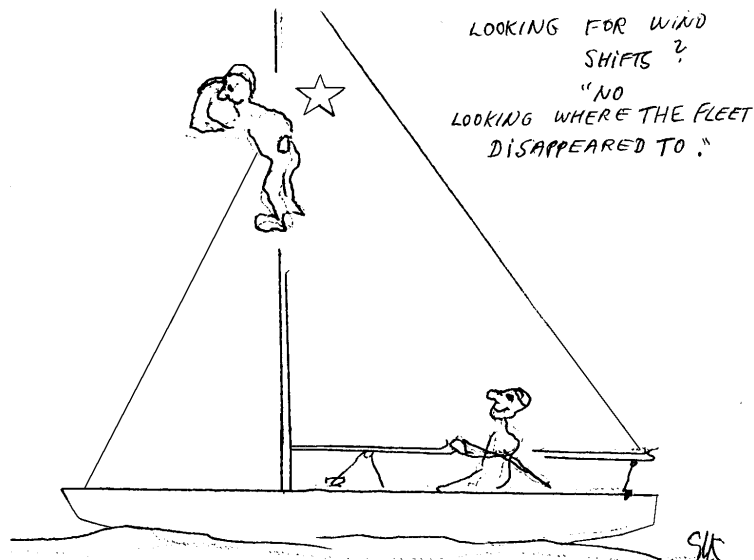
2005 4th District Schedule

May 14-15 Paw Paw Potpourri
 May 21-22 Gull Lake Tulip Tune-Up
 June 17-10 Chicago NOOD
 June 25-26 Michigan's
 July 8-10 4th District Championship
 July 29-31 Sheridan Shore Race Weekend
 Aug 6-7 4th District Green Star Championship
 Aug 13-14 59th Mission
 Sept 4-5 Midstates
 Sept 17-18 4th District Finale
 Sept 24-25 J. Holt Thomas Memorial Regatta

2005 5th District Schedule

May 14-15 Rollins Bowl / 5th District's, SDB, San Diego YC
 June 11-12 Baxter Bowl, NH, Newport Harbor YC
 July 23-24 Lipton Cup, SBC, Santa Barbara YC
 Aug 13-14 King of Spain, SMB, California YC
 Aug 17-21 North American Championship, SMB, Calif. YC
 Sept 17-18 Pitcher Series / OD Weekend, SDB, San Diego
 Oct 15-16 Pacific Coast Championships, WSFB
 Oct 22-23 Calvin Paige, St. Francis Yacht Club
 Nov 12-13 Ash Brown / OD Weekend, SDB, San Diego YC
 Dec 10-11 Kriss Kringle, SDB, San Diego YC

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